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25X1 1. [Redacted] commodity prices in Shanghai were as follows:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Price in JMP</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Sport shoes | pair | 42,000 |
| Kupen soap | cake | 4,000 |
| Hsiangmou soap | cake | 3,000 |
| Towel | each | 6,000 |
| Lotion | bottle | 6,200 |
| Socks | pair | 5,000 |
| Thermos bottle | each | 17,000 |
| Twill fabric | Chinese foot | 6,100 |
| Silk-cotton fabric | Chinese foot | 5,000 |
| Cotton fabric | Chinese foot | 4,200 |
| Undershirt | each | 14,000 |
| Old Sword cigarettes | ten | 1,600 |
| Rice | five kilograms | 10,000 ¹ |

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25X1 2. [redacted] commodity prices in Haimen (N 28-40, E 121-26) were as follows:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Price in JMP</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Old wine ² | catty | 2,600 |
| Boiled rice | bowl | 500 |
| Chienmen cigarettes | carton | 24,000 |
| Hungyun cigarettes | ten | 1,000 |
| Oranges | picul | 60,000 |
| Salt | picul | 110,000 ³ |

25X1 3. [redacted] prices in Swatow were as follows:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Price in JMP</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Rice | picul | 130,000 ⁴ |
| Pork | catty | 7,000 ⁵ |
| Brown sugar | catty | 6,000 |
| Firewood | picul | 20,000 |
| Edible salt | catty | 13,000 |
| Eggs | dozen | 9,600 |
| Chicken | catty | 8,500 |
| Cotton cloth | foot | 4,000 ⁶ |
| Average restaurant meal | one | 5,000 |
| Movie ticket | one | 1,500 |

25X1 [redacted] Comments

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1. [redacted] the price of rice in Shanghai [redacted] was JMP 1,300 per catty
and [redacted] JMP 1,600 per catty.

25X1 2. Old wine [redacted] sold for JMP 2,500 for each catty [redacted] 25X1
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25X1 3. [redacted] salt on the Haimen market cost JMP 120,000 per picul [redacted]
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25X1 4. [redacted] the per catty price of
25X1 rice in JMP as follows: [redacted] 1,200; [redacted] 1,500; and [redacted] 25X1
25X1 1,300.

25X1 5. Pork [redacted] cost JMP 5,000 per catty. [redacted] 25X1
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